IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Crl. Misc. No. 2031-M of 2007

DATE OF DECISION : 23.02.2007

Ashok

.... PETITIONER

Versus

State of Haryana

..... RESPONDENT

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Neeraj Gaur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Partap Singh, Senior DAG, Haryana.

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Petitioner Ashok has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 372 dated 1.6.2005 registered at Police Station DLF Gurgaon, under Sections 302/120-B IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act.

I have heard counsel for the parties and gone through the contents of the FIR as well as the order dated 30.8.2006, passed by Additional Sessions Judge, Gurgaon, whereby bail application of the petitioner has been dismissed.

Bail application of co-accused Sunil, who is similarly situated, was dismissed as withdrawn by this court on 17.10.2006. In this case, the allegations against the petitioner and co-accused Sunil are that they are hired killers and they had murdered the deceased. Counsel for the respondent-State submits that out of 32 prosecution witnesses, 20 have been examined and the remaining 12 will be examined within a period of three months.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and the nature of allegations against the petitioner, I am not inclined to grant him the concession of regular bail at this stage.

Dismissed.

However, trial court is directed to conclude the trial, positively, within a period of four months.

February 23, 2007 **(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)**
ndj **JUDGE**